

CLAIMS

1. A playback apparatus that plays contents recorded on a read-only medium, according to sequence information, the
5 playback apparatus comprising:

a detecting unit operable to detect one or more pieces of the sequence information from a recordable medium;

a display unit operable to generate a dynamic menu so as to display the detected pieces of the sequence information
10 in association with the contents recorded on the read-only medium;

an accepting unit operable to accept an operation by a user to specify one of the displayed pieces of the sequence information; and

15 a playback unit operable to play a plurality of the contents recorded on the read-only medium, according to the specified piece of the sequence information.

2. A playback apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

20 the recordable medium stores a plurality of pieces of the sequence information in correspondence with package IDs, and

the displayed pieces of the sequence information correspond to a package ID assigned to the read-only medium.

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3. A playback apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein

the recordable medium is connected to the playback

apparatus either locally or via a network, and

the display unit displays the pieces of the sequence information in a different manner depending on whether the connection is local or via the network.

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4. A playback apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the display unit displays the pieces of the sequence information in a distinctive manner, if the recordable medium is offline.

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5. A playback apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the recordable medium is removable, and the display unit displays the pieces of the sequence information in a distinctive manner, if the recordable medium is removed.

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6. A playback apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the read-only medium is one of a plurality of read-only media, and

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the sequence information indicates a playback sequence of the contents that are separately recorded on the plurality of read-only media.

7. A playback apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the dynamic menu is generated when the read-only medium is loaded in the playback apparatus, or when the user requests a menu-call.

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8. A playback apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein
the read-only medium stores a program indicating one of
procedures performed upon loading of the read-only medium, and
5 procedures performed upon request for the menu-call,

the playback apparatus further includes a download unit
operable to download a latest version of the program from a
server on a network, and

the dynamic menu is generated based on one of the program
10 recorded on the read-only medium, and the latest version of
the program that has been downloaded.

9. A playback apparatus according to Claim 1, further
comprising:

15 a download unit operable to download a piece of the sequence
information, along with profile information, from a server on
a network, wherein

the display unit displays, in the dynamic menu, the piece
of the sequence information and profile information that have
20 been downloaded.

10. A program for having a computer execute procedures for
playing contents recorded on a read-only medium, according to
sequence information, the procedures comprising steps of:

25 detecting one or more pieces of the sequence information
from a recordable medium;

generating a dynamic menu so as to display the detected

pieces of the sequence information in association with the contents recorded on the read-only medium;

accepting an operation by a user to specify one of the displayed pieces of the sequence information; and

5 playing a plurality of the contents recorded on the read-only medium, according to the specified piece of the sequence information.